

Open Evenings 7:30-9:30.

Jaccards Umbrellas for Xmas Gifts

Prices \$2.00 to \$60.00

Gentlemen's

Union Taffeta Silk Umbrella, Top Edge, with cases to match, silver cord and tassels, bordered solid silver mounted handles—

Price \$3.00

Fine Buck Horn Silver-Mounted Handles, finest taffeta silk covers, with cases to match Umbrella, as shown by illustration—

Price \$5.00

For Ladies

Best Taffeta Silk Umbrella, cases to match—silk cords and tassels, solid silver capped wooden handles—

Price \$3.00

Pearl Handles with Gold-Filled Mountings, best taffeta silk covers, cases, cords and tassels, exceptionally fine Umbrellas—

Price \$8.00

A comparison of goods and prices will convince you that the best values to be had are here.

Mermod, Jaccard & King

Xmas Catalogue Free.

Broadway, Cor. Locust.

RELATION BETWEEN CANCER AND TOBACCO

Chicago Surgeons Decide That More Than Three Cigars or Two Pipefuls a Day Are Dangerous—Discuss Case of F. L. Powers.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"Chicago, Dec. 12.—Don't smoke more than three cigars a day."

"Don't go beyond two pipefuls of tobacco a day, if you smoke a pipe."

"Don't hold your chair or pipe constantly in the same part of the mouth."

"Be wary of cheap tobacco. It often contains glycerine."

These words were addressed to a man of average strength and normal nerves, and were today by Chicago surgeons in discussion of cancer of the mouth or throat, caused frequently by excessive and careless smoking.

The question of their talk is the case of Frederick L. Powers, an actor, who has just submitted to an operation removing a large part of his tongue to check a cancerous growth. While it is not asserted that tobacco is the cause of his illness, it is a contributory cause, were it not.

The case of all cases cited by surgeons as illustrating cancer caused by tobacco is that of President Ulysses S. Grant. He was known as one of the most constant smokers in public life. When the cancer developed, it was at once ascribed to the habit.

Doctor William A. Smith, a recognized authority on tumor and cancer, said:

"Cancer in the mouth is not necessarily caused by the use of tobacco. Cancer, as far as science has revealed it, is due to a constant irritation in a certain spot. For instance, the man who smokes a dozen cigars a day, or as many cigarettes, is apt to hold the cigarette in the right or the left side of the mouth. This naturally causes irritation in just a particular place, and in some cases, should there be any suggestion of sign of cancer in the system, it is likely that the growth would be attracted to the spot where such irritation was caused."

Another Chicago physician, connected with the chief department of a large railroad company, said:

"Every smoker should beware that with his tobacco he obtains a small proportion of water. Dampening tobacco in order to keep it from becoming dry is a custom as old as the hills, but the up-to-date method is the use of glycerine. This gives out an intensely irritating vapor. In the case of cancer, I hold the cheap tobacco to-day play an important part. Taken in some forms, glycerine is a stimulant, but its effects are extremely injurious, and have been known to produce temporary insanity and partial paralysis of the brain. Smokers cannot be too careful in their choice of tobacco."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"Chicago, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Tar-Es-Salam, German East Africa, says that Captain Berthold, detachment was surrounded on three sides by 2,000 insurgents."

The great south-western Hongo, were completely defeated. Hongo and a number of the native leaders were killed. Several of the German soldiers were slightly wounded.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, at yesterday's meeting, declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—Judge Samuel Hitt, 59 years old, one of the best known judges in the city, died this morning from the effects of a stroke of paralysis received a few days ago."

Judge Hitt was president of the Jackson Toll Road Company at the time of his death, and at one time served as County Judge of Jackson County. His remains will be taken to his home in the city tomorrow and will be buried in the family cemetery.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

PASTOR RESIGNS BECAUSE OF AGE

Application of the Reverend E. J. Rice of Poplar Bluff for Dissolution of Relations Causes Discussion at Presbytery.

Arguments relative to the application of the Reverend E. J. Rice for a dissolution of his pastoral relations with the Presbyterian Church at Poplar Bluff, Mo., because of his age, caused the Reverend Doctor W. J. McKittick to remark at the presbytery yesterday that the Presbyterian Church ought to have a bishop, who could investigate and advise any difficult case of this kind between pastor and congregation.

This suggestion was immediately approved by the Reverend Doctor McKittick, the stated clerk, but they were not taken seriously by other members of the presbytery.

Mr. Rice is 62 years old, but appears to be in the prime of life. He himself assigned his age as a cause for retiring from the pastorate, but during a discussion of the application it was stated that he had been requested to resign.

This caused the members of the presbytery to decide a full investigation of the situation. The matter was then referred to the committee on the resignation of Mr. Rice, who stated that there were other reasons for requesting the resignation of Mr. Rice besides his age, which, however, he would not make known on the floor of the presbytery.

Mr. Rice spoke in the highest terms of the members of the presbytery, and requested that the presbytery act upon his request without much ado about the matter. He said that very young men would be more active in the church, and consequently be able to accomplish more.

After a favorable vote had been taken on Mr. Rice's application, the Reverend Doctor McKittick introduced a resolution that a special committee be appointed to visit the church, declare the pulpit vacant and advise the members of the congregation as to the future of the church.

Doctor Palmer's motion was taken as meaning that the presbytery instructing the members of the church for requesting the resignation of the pastor.

The Reverend Doctor McKittick on this point stated that a move of that nature surely would tend to cause factions to arise in the church, which, in turn, would do more harm than good. Personally, he said, he was in sympathy with the old man in the pulpit, but he realized that a pastor could successfully lead only one generation through life, and that he himself could before long retire for a younger man.

The discussion of the matter finally terminated by the presbytery instructing the moderator, the Reverend Doctor J. N. Ball, to visit the church at his convenience and single day the church vacant.

A call from the First Presbyterian church in the lead belt was placed in the hands of the Reverend Doctor McKittick, and a vote was taken in aid of the construction of the new church building there. An additional \$10,000 was voted for the new \$20,000 Presbyterian church in Lutesville, now in course of erection.

A proposition from a local trust company for a church site in the southwest part of the city was voted a value of \$10 to \$12, but later reconsidered and action deferred until the next meeting.

The presbytery adjourned at eight o'clock, to meet the second Tuesday in January, when most of the day will be devoted to a discussion of the case of the Rev. Doctor McKittick.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

HEALTHFULNESS OF SPAGHETTI.

Spaghetti, as an article of food, is one of the most nutritious and healthful known, because it is particularly rich in gluten and the other properties of wheat which make flesh and muscle. Past Brand Spaghetti is economical as well as healthful—it is clean, wholesome and can be made into a variety of the most delicious dishes. Our free booklet tells how Past Brand Spaghetti is made and why it is the best in the world—it also contains a number of valuable recipes showing how to cook spaghetti properly and how to obtain the best results. Past Brand Spaghetti is sold by all leading grocers. It is put up in handsome airtight and dust-proof packages which preserve its goodness indefinitely. Buy it and try it to-day—then send for our booklet.

Buy a 5-cent package to-day and you will buy a 10-cent package to-morrow.

MAUL BROTHERS, ST. LOUIS, MO.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

The sum of \$12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. With this quarterly dividend of 4 per cent the company has paid to its stockholders this year earnings amounting to 16 per cent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

"St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the Republic at its meeting today declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the last quarter of 1905."

ESTEY

PIANOS

FOR

HOLIDAY PRESENTS

The most delightful and acceptable of all gifts is a Piano. It makes life one long Holiday.

The most acceptable of all Pianos is an ESTEY. Its lovely tone, perfect touch and artistic style make it the choice of purchasers who really have a musical taste and temperament. Then the price of an Estey is much lower than would be expected when its superior quality is considered.

OUR POLICY:

Legitimate Goods,
Legitimate Prices,
Legitimate Methods.

We also carry the Janssen Pianos, Brambach Pianos, Mathushek Pianos, Krueger Pianos and several others. In fact, we have Pianos to meet the requirements of all tastes and all pocketbooks, our prices and terms of payment being made extremely reasonable.

OPEN EVENINGS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE ESTEY CO.

1116 OLIVE STREET.

WILL THE MEN OF ST. LOUIS GIVE UP THEIR SEATS IN A STREET CAR TO A PRETTY GIRL FOR \$5.00

Read their experiences in the Star-Chronicle this evening, and every day this week.

RHEUMATISM

CURED BY

"S-DROPS"

"S-DROPS" is an internal and external remedy. Applied externally it gives quick relief to the sufferer, while a cure is being effected by its use internally. When people are suffering with Rheumatism in any form use "S-DROPS." It does not matter whether you have Inflammatory, Muscular or Articular Rheumatism, this remedy, if used as directed, will give almost instant relief and effect a cure early and permanent. It acts on the blood, cleanses it of uric acid and other poisonous matter which causes those intense rheumatic pains. This is the only way in which a cure can be effected. "S-DROPS" has been the means of restoring to health and strength thousands of people who were suffering with Rheumatism, Gout, Lumbago, Sciatica, Neuritis, Kidney Trouble or some other painful disease.

Here is The Proof—Read The Testimonials

RENT DITTMER, 1015 E. 12th St., St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I suffered from Rheumatism for several years. I was a carpenter and was unable to work. I tried many remedies but nothing helped. I then tried 'S-DROPS' and after using it for a few days I was able to work again. I am now completely cured and I can thank 'S-DROPS' for what it has done for me. I would not have been able to do my work without it."

W. H. BURNETT, 1015 E. 12th St., St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I have suffered from Rheumatism for several years. I was a carpenter and was unable to work. I tried many remedies but nothing helped. I then tried 'S-DROPS' and after using it for a few days I was able to work again. I am now completely cured and I can thank 'S-DROPS' for what it has done for me. I would not have been able to do my work without it."

RENT DITTMER, 1015 E. 12th St., St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I suffered from Rheumatism for several years. I was a carpenter and was unable to work. I tried many remedies but nothing helped. I then tried 'S-DROPS' and after using it for a few days I was able to work again. I am now completely cured and I can thank 'S-DROPS' for what it has done for me. I would not have been able to do my work without it."

W. H. BURNETT, 1015 E. 12th St., St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I have suffered from Rheumatism for several years. I was a carpenter and was unable to work. I tried